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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1899.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.-The situation in the Transvaal remained unchanged, further reports said that the Boers were continuing preparations and that England was making ready to send more troops South. — The Venezuelan Boundary Arbitration Commission rendered its decision; opinion in Great Britain considers the award to be in its favor. — Great interest was displayed in England over the result of the yacht race for the America's Cup; Americans there were confident of the Columbia's ability to win the Cup. General Lawton made an advance which is intended to sweep the insurgents from the territory between Imus and Bacoor; General F. D. Grant took part in the engagement, which was successful. essful. —— The trial of members of the der Harmloren in Berlin brought out the facts that large sums of money were won and lost and that marked cards were used.

DOMESTIC .- The sword voted by Congress was installed as president of Wellesley College, many well known educators being present at the for some short and easy method to be ruth-There was a lively debate in the Pan-Presbyterian Council over a resolution urging arbitration of the Transvaal dispute.

—— The Court of Appeals handed down a decision in favor of the Equitable Life against a

Shamrock was then in the lead; light airs made the attempt almost a drifting match; thousards of people viewed the race; Sir Thomas Lipton was lavish in his praise of the arrangements.

The Republican County Convention adjourned in order to send a committee to the judgeship conference at the City Club.

The writ of habeas corpus issued by Tales.

Combination in the estimate of such knowledge as is to be gained from security prices, income and general conditions. After some experience a simple method, rigidly mathematical in all its steps, may be perfected which will make the judgeship conference at the City Club.

Such a system would, no doubt, delight the emilority. And then he added that the Curl-landers do not really want the franchise, and will not accept it when it is offered to them. In that case, what danger is there in offering it?

And how would the granting of it imperil the autonomy of the country? Either the Outland. Postoffice inspectors made an arrest in connection with the disappearance of registered letters from Station G.

THE WEATHER .- Forecast for to-day: and warmer. The temperature yesterday, High-est, 52 degrees; lowest, 38; average, 45%.

The American policy wins. That is the purport of the day's news from Paris-news of more a dozen elements. Situation, condition, pros. that were true, we should scarcely think they than ordinary interest and importance. The tri- pects, enter into his judgment. And that judg- would care much about revolutionizing the politbunal of arbitration has announced its decision ment is at the best an estimate. The value of leal status of the country, as the Boers fear they in the case of the Anglo-Venezuelan boundary. It is an award that puts an end to a controversy that has intermittently raged for three-quarters of a century, and that has on occasion inspired | sessments in the case of railroads and buildings | is good ground for questioning that estimate of more than two, nations. But that is not all. The Appraisal is never an exact science. If fran-derers. But the history of California and of mended to the world's sense of justice, that gives neither party cause for either great exulfor the principle of international arbitration, that the enforcement of the law begins with productiveness and the climate one of the most from the engineer's point of view. and not only was that principle first conspicus franchises on the same basis as other property, perfect in the world. ously put forward by the United States, but it was specifically injected into this particular case thing apart from other property and not justly are all snobs and toudies, who want to abolish by the United States. For that reason alone, if subject to the same burdens is carefully encour- all republican institutions and have the country for no other, we might well say the American aged by the corporations, and is one of the diffi-ruled by a czar, or at best by an antiquated

the exaction of it would be unjust and would money out of them. They cry out at the outrage in that wast republic which is called the British aware that the extreme Venezuelan claim was mating franchise values, and point out that it democracy than in the mining colonies of Ausline drawn by it is about a hundred and seventy- should be assessed lower than its mate adjoin- the integrity of republican institutions. On the five miles east of the extreme British claim and ing which has a good paying tenant, and see contrary, it would probably strengthen them about a hundred and forty miles west of the ex- what reduction he will get. Stock prices are and develop the country into a really more intreme Venezuelan claim. Curiously enough, it made by many factors, and perhaps it is not fair dependent status than it now enjoys. Canada almost coincides for about nine tenths of the to accept them as an infallible index of fran- and Australia are British colonies, yet they enway it exactly coincides-with the famous old chise values; but the mere fact that quotations joy as perfect self-government in all domestic that line was quickly repudiated by Great Britania, and Sir Robert was instructed to make a modification of it much further west. The Britanian Government advanced its claims much be
The formula of the high price of a non-dividend paying the mother country as firmly as "Oom Paul" himself. In brief, there seems little reason to suppose that at most the enfranchisement of the Outlanders would put the Transvani Boers in any worse plight than the Dutch of Cape Colony is any worse plant the mother than the mother than the mother than the mothe Schomburgk line, drawn by Sir Robert Schom- are not always in ratio to dividends does not in- affairs as the Transvaul can hope for, and they

proposed by Lord Aberdeen and Lord Granville at a high figure simply for the franchise. In possible question that the latter are a great deal being in the main considerably further west, that case the stock quotations would measure and it is probable that at no time in the last | the taxable property in the franchise. Brooklyn half century would Great Britain have accepted Rapid Transit pays no dividends, but there are the Schomburgk line as the true one. Venezueia, people who would give a high figure for its of course, repudiated it from the outset, and stock, even if its plant were destroyed, simply never would have accepted it, but the whirligig to get control of the franchises, which practiof time has brought about this signal vindica- cally command a monopoly of the traffic of a tion of the much abused explorer, and to-day million people. Is not that value property, his line, repudiated by both, is imposed upon whether it is yet paying an income or not? both parties, and will henceforth be respected | There are, indeed, many difficulties to be overby both as the true and permanent boundary.

Orinoco River is sustained, and the whole coast | estimated value to be below rather than above up to that point is given to her. That is a gain the true value. That is the common experience for her. On the other hand, the great region | with regard to real estate and personal property. lying between Mount Roralma and the Orinoco, including the upper basins of the Cuyuni and Caroni rivers, a region vast in extent and reported to be rich in gold, is awarded to Venezuela. It was that region, most of all, that Great Britain wanted to get and which Venezuela wanted to retain. Great Britain is, of course, confirmed in her title to the valley of the Essequibo and the lower reaches of the Cuyuni and Mazaruni rivers, a territory which is likely to prove as rich as that awarded to Venezuela. It was said of the treaty between Great Britain and France in North Africa that each party thought it had the better of it. In this case we may at least say that neither party has cause to of yachts and excursion steamers, and there think it has much the worse of it.

In one other respect, by no means the least important, the American policy wins. We mean the American policy of reckoning America to be something more than so many million acres of land inhabited by so many million people, but a sovereign Nation, entitled to exercise all the functions of a sovereign nation, and a humane nation, to which nothing that concerns humanity is a matter of indifference. The same voices that are now shrilly piping against our intervention in the affairs of Spain, against our assumption of sovereignty in the Philippines and against our participation in the general affairs of the world were raised five years ago in the same futile protest against our intervention in the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela. It was a wicked thing, they told us, a really shocking thing, for us to step outside of the diplomatic Chinese wall they had striven to build about us and to interfere with the doings of other nations. It was sure to cause trouble, to alienate other nations from us, especially to estrange us from Great Britain, and at any rate was doomed to ineffectiveness in the end, for the notion that Great Britain would listen to us, or do more than snub us for our presumption, was too fantastic for anything. But Great Britain did listen to us, and did not snub us; the controversy has been settled in precisely the way suggested by this country; the United States and Great Britain are far closer friends than before, and there is every reason to believe that Great Britain, as well as Venezuela, is heartily glad this country intervened. On the whole, gentlemen, may we not one of these days conclude that some nations can do some things as well as some other nations? And even that the United States is not necessarily always in the wrong?

RULES OF FRANCHISE TAXATION.

If Mr. Flero's advice is taken by the State DOMESTIC—The sword voted by Congress was presented to Admiral Dewey at the Capitol in Washington, with addresses by President McKinley and Secretary Long, after which the military and naval escort was reviewed; in the evening the President gave a dinner at the White House in honor of the Admiral.

More than a thousand men joined the strike at Cramps' shipyard in Philadelphia.

A brother of President Krüger passed through Chicago on his way from Nebraska to the Transvaal and sought to raise a regiment there.

The Nebraska campaign was opened by the Republicans with a speech by John L. Webster at Auburn.

Miss Caroline Hazard was installed as president of Wellesley College.

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Domestic is taken by the state of franchises by rules of common sense, just as other assessors appraise other property. That is the sum and substance of his voluminous opinion. Many hard and fast rules have been propose that Americans have been led to regard as almost invincible in light airs. Yesterday's result on a "Columbia day" is sufficient proof, therefore, that the Shamrock has a brilliant future before her. She may not take the Cup. but she will certainly come neaver to capturing it than has any other challenger.

About The Outlanders.

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in the case of franchises than in the case of any offer them what they are certain to decline. drop a diagram of the property into a slot and of gold, are mere adventurers, who have no lastuses or ought to use his brains. He considers of it as soon as they have "made their pile." the tangible property of railroads is aimed at will do. If they were not going to stay there it The tendency to consider a franchise as somepolicy wins. The American policy was and is culties to be overcome in spreading a clear con- House of Lords. The best answer to that is ception of the merits of any method of franchise offered by the examples already cited. We know In another sense the American policy wins. It | taxation. The corporations are fond of com- of no more truly republican or democratic State was the general belief in this country that the plaining at the injustice of having to pay taxes in this Union than California, which has been British claim of territory was excessive, and that | en franchises when perhaps they are making no | developed from a series of mining camps. Nor amount to spoliation of Venezuela. We are not of considering the price of their stock in esti- Empire is there a more jealous and unwavering upheld here as infallibly right. The American may be quoted high even when it pays no divi- tralia. Indeed, because of their very origin and view was that probably neither was equitable. dends. True. But a house owner is not exempt nature mining camps are essentially and necesthat the true line was to be found only by investigation because he is getting no divi- sarily democratic. The addition of the Outlandtigation and perhaps by compromise. That view | dends. Let a man tell the assessors that his | ers to the citizenship of the Transvaal would is amply vindicated by the Paris award. The house in Fifth-ave, is vacant and therefore therefore not be likely to menace in the least

come in forming just estimates of the value of We have said there is no cause for either | these properties, but they differ in degree only, party to be either elated or disappointed. Both and not in kind, from those encountered in apfare well. Venezuela probably fares the better, praising any other property, large or small. The or at least is more favorably treated than most larger, of course, the wider the margin may be men expected five years ago. The British claim | between the estimated and the true value. But to the southeastern side of the mouth of the the larger the property the more likely is that

THE FIRST DAY'S RACE.

If the continued efforts of every one did not succeed in bringing yesterday's first race for the America's Cup to a finish, the contest certainly adopted for patrolling the course by Government steamers was an unqualified success, and, secondly, that Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger is not a boat to be trifled with. The directions issued by Captain Robley D. Evans, which were evidently carefully studied by all captains was no trouble in managing the vast fleets, character. Only one case was noticed in which an unanswerable argument of the silent kind was used. The small black professional destroyers herded the hastening fleets like cattle, and the Its forces ever ready, whether for building a pleasure yachts also hustled to keep out of bridge far up the Nile or for crushing a Spanish their way. There was no crossing of the course | fleet in the Phillippines. Its severe censure has either ahead or behind, and it is certain that fallen only on those who were not ready for neither of the competitors could have been and the duties which the war brought. It counts noyed by the steamer swells. The first race of the Cup series of 1800 therefore received a Gov- ity, and the faculty of putting the last ounce ernment aid that was both novel and valuable, and it may now be said with confidence that | the sense to know when the right time has the great international yacht races off New-York will never again be open to the charge of being improperly protected.

bringing over a yacht to America that has done he has made them better known to the world. Cup defender than any racer that ever visited our harbor. The Columbia is practically the offspring of the former Defender, and the later | duct of the Admiral, whom the people delight boat has systematically beaten the far famed to honor. racing machine of 1855. The Columbia is therefore an exceedingly fast boat. Yesterday the hallenger salled almost a full thirty mile course against the Columbia and finished ahead. It was not a good day for a race. There was not It has been won by a few Americans, all imwind enough to complete the course; but the amount of instruction that proceeded from the struggle was considerable. The mere fact that the Shamrock was able to hold the Columbia all day in the defender's own wind should call for the heartlest congratulations to the owner and designer of the boat and to the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, whose representative she is. The Shamrock is a wonderful vessel. Too much stress will not be placed on the fact that in Tex., on Monday, and the burden of confusion the alternation of luck she happened to finish which has so long harassed the minds of the first. Luck varied greatly yesterday. The two Democrats has been lightened. He was counted boats exchanged the lead several times. The out-simply counted out-and another crime is real cause of the congratulation which is here added to the political records. These are his extended to Sir Thomas is that he sailed all words: "I do not believe all the votes cast for day on practically even terms against a yacht

On two or three points concerning the Out- | Morgan Dix to be! ing for some short and easy method to be ruth- landers of the Transvant confusion of ideas deed, seem to open the way to possible abuses be made. Mr. Kriiger is reported to have said, of discretion, giving corporations opportunity to last week, that the British demand for Out- conference of Democrats when he Illuminated who sought to recover an addi-State administration the chance to shout that because there were more Outlanders than Boers. CITY.—Stocks were irregular at small net losses. — Winners at Morris Park: Charentus, Star Bright, Indiae Fairy, Firearm, King Barleycorn, Maximo Gomez. — The first race between the Shamrock and the Columbia, which was salled fifteen knots to leeward from Sandy Hook Lightship and return, was declared off cwing to the expiration of the time limit; the Shamrock was then in the lead, light airs made. The writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge Lacombe, ordering that Captain Oberlin M. Carter be produced before him to-day, was served on General Merritt and Captain Roberts.

Such a system would, no doubt, delight the logic chopper of taxation, and it may be applied to franchises as well as to real estate and personalty some time when we have a compression of the Transvani, or they do not. If the former, then, according to Mr. Krüger's own admission, they ought to have the personalty some time when we have a com- Krilger's own admission, they ought to have the pletely scientific tax law. But there is no more franchise if the Transvani is to be a true repulreason for complaint over the present lack of it lie. If the latter, it surely would do no harm to

other property. The assessor of a business block has no calculating machine. He cannot were chiefly attracted thither by the discovery have its value automatically registered. He ing interest in the country and mean to get out for purposes of local taxation as the result of would not matter to them whether the land most complicated guesswork. Doubtless the as- were made a British province or not. But there

Again, there is the theory that the Outlanders

youd the original Schomburgk line, the lines | track or a single car, but its stock may be held | have been in for many a year. And there is no | his remarks, twitted his opponent with making

THE AMERICAN TYPE.

The celebration of the Admiral's return, begun at New-York and continued at Washington, enists the hearts of Americans more than any other event since the people's tribute to General Grant. It is impressive, not because of the forms or displays which tell of the character of the oficials and others charged with organization and management, but because behind them all is a popular feeling which far transcends any thunders of applause or grandeur of display. The people welcome, honor and love the man who has exalted the Nation by showing once more what s best and noblest in American character.

No greed for glory took Dewey to the Far East. Prospective inactivity with the Asiatic fleet had no charms for the studious, home loving officer whose work in the Department at Washington had long been honorable and falthful, but he was ready for duty anywhere, The same thorough fidelity went to the training and discipline of his fleet, so that it should be always ready for any emergency. There was proved two things: First, that the system no display or posturing in his departure from Hong Kong under orders to seek and destroy a Spanish fleet of strength not known. But there was not wanting swift energy in execution, nor cool daring in entering Manila Bay regardless of forts, torpedoes and fleets, nor the highest stated clearly the methods that would be foll skill in grasping complete victory without needlowed by the torpedo boats and patrol vessels. less risk of a ship or a man. The American people recognize in all this the type of what is best and most worth; of honor in American

It is a Nation of practical inventors and skilled mechanics, bringing the most advanced science and the most perfect discipline to make upon courage always, and perfect fidelof pull into the stroke at the right time, and come. Gentle and humane in spirit, it fights as it builds, so that there shall be no need to do it again. The Nation has found such quali-Sir Thomas Lipton has had the pleasure of ties as these in Admiral Dewey, and feels that better in sailing a light weather race against a What Americans wish to be as a Nation, and wish all public servants to be in their various duties, has been made clearer to all by the con-

> To such a man the highest possible reward Is the consciousness of duty done and the honor and love of his country. That priceless reward no monarch could bestow, nor any other people. mortalized by their services to the Nation.

Augustus Van Wyck declines to speak in Texas. We do not blame him. Texas is the home of that man Hogg, who spoiled his boom.

The secret of the defeat of William Jennings Bryan in 1896 is explained. He explained it himself at the Democratic carnival in Dallas, 'me last time were counted, and many were "counted against me which were not cast,"

discovered the uselessness of borough presidents the refusal of the Board of Estimate to increase their allowances will help them a triffe to the realization of the truth.

What a bloodthirsty criminal and hypocrite Mr. Edward Atkinson must reckon the Rev. Dr.

for their benefit the inviting topic of "Industrial hold a Gas House District audience spellbound. The East Side favorite candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives should never escend to such prosy problems of statesmanship as sweatshop wages when he can fire the world with the woes of Aguinaldo, a la John J.

Judging by the platform they adopted the other day, the Republicans of the 1st Maine Congress District seem to have read in ex-Speaker Reed's farewell letter a political meaning agreeably in harmony with the most aggressive and stalwart Republican sentiment of

Captain Dreyfus must have an immense wardrobe, to judge from the number of towns in Europe and America that claim to have his baggage and to be expecting him shortly.

one of the recent contributions to Navy literature is the address by Rear Admiral George W. Architects in London on March 23, 1809. The address was well received, and a review of it was published in the leading English publicatalk of war between two, and indeed among are more or less inaccurate, but that is inevitable, them. Doubtless some of them are mere want which Admiral Melville showed, by comparison between the commerce destroyers Columbia and From The Brooklyn Eagle. sward does more than that. It settles the case | chise values are determined by the exercise of | Australia proves that the great majority of gold | Minneapolis and those of other nations of apin a manner that, on the face of it, is com- ordinary intelligence, with as fair an approxi- seekers become permanent settlers, and that proximately the same lines and speed, that the mation to just figures as is reached by assessors | mining camps grow into enduring communities | American vessels had superior efficiency. He generally, the corporations will bear no burden of varied interests and industries. At least, claimed that there were many engineering and tation or profound chagrin, and that will doubt- that is not borne by everybody else. They have such is the rule wherever soil and climate favor | tactical advantages arising from the use of less be unhesitatingly accepted by both as im- no right to claim any less. If a surely just rule such a course. Assuredly they do favor it in triple screws. The address took up the various partial, equitable and final beyond dispute. to obtain more exact valuations could be found the Transvaul. It does not seem reasonable to lines in the logical arrangement of the motive That is exactly what the award ought to have which would meet with general acceptance it suppose that the moment the output of gold be power of warships, both theoretically and pracdone, and what every such award by an arbitral might be desirable, but in the lack of agreement gins to lessen there will be a universal exodus tically, and the association commended it as a tribunal ought to do. It is a notable triumph | there is some cause for satisfaction in the fact | from a country where the soil is of unsurpassed | most valuable thesis upon naval construction

PERSONAL.

ville. N. C., was a survivor of the engagement of ticury's Bluff in which General Matt Ransom was wounded. Ransom having been carried from field by Freeman. "Bruce," said Ransom, "I am wounded. You are a young man. As you carry me protect your body from this awful fire of the enemy. Hold me between you and the enemy's gun," "I'd rather die myself," inswerted Freeman, "than have a He of such promise of usefulness go out."

The Rev. Dr. John Brown, who is to deliver the Lyman Beecher lectures at Yale in October, is one of the most distinguished representatives of English Congregationalism. Dr. Brown is paster of the Bunyan Meeting, Belford, England, and is known as the author of "The Pilgrim Fathers of New-England" and "The Life of John Bunyan," which first brought him into prominence. He was a telegate at the recent Congregational Council held at Boston, and spoke on "Independence and Fel-lowship."

"Forty-one years ago, on the 7th of next month," says General Clarke E. Carr. of Galesburg, Ill., formerly Minister to Denmark, "Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas had a joint debate on the ollege grounds of Knox College, Galesburg. It

to each new audience, the suggestion being that he was incapable of changing his stock address he was incapable of changing his stock address. In reply Mr. Douglas said that he admitted the charge, and conceded that his rival knew in advance what he was going to say. He wished that he could foretell with the same exactness what Mr. Lincoln was going to say, but alas! that was impossible, since he changed his argument to sail his audiences, making a ferce abolition talk in communities where that sentiment was strongly entertained, as at Galesburg, but in Southern Illinois ignoring abolition and standing up squarely as an oldtime Whig."

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

"The St. Louis Globe-Democrat" says: "Twenty carloads of Missouri eggs have been sold to go to Cuba, and are now in cold storage awaiting ship-ment. A company which shipped last year twentyfour carloads of chickens in one lot from Missouri and Illinois to Manchester, England, is now filling an order for forty carloads to be sent in one ship nent to the same destination this fall. The forty cars will be filled with what are known in the rapidly developing industry as 'broilers' and 'roasters.' While these sample export orders are being furnish the Klondike with delicacles. Twice in six years the pioneers in the poultry and eggs buying and shipping business have seen it double in Missouri. To-day that industry stands upon a basis and is conducted with an elaboration which the world at large little appreciates."

Mrs. Stubb-John, here is an account of some writer going out too far in the surf. For an in-redible length of time he battled with the wild with the desired from the state of those struggling authors we about (Chicago News,

"A remarkable old gentleman," says "The In dianapolis Sentinel," "was a guest at the Occi-dental Hotel yesterday-Mr. Robert Watts, of Connersville. He is seventy-eight years old and one of Fayette County's oldest and most respected citiheld, and Mr. Watts has attended forty-six of them. This undoubtedly beats all other records, He is hale and active and has never been fil in his life with the exception of a slight indisposition from the grip last winter. He is sweet tempered, sun-

greatly attached to the animal."

"Yes, it probably gave her a regular monkey wrench to part with it."—(Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A paper entitled "Shakespeare and Sanitation" was read at the recent provincial meeting of the Incorporated Society of Medical Officers of Health, at Stratford on Avon Among other things the author related the following: "It is interesting to find that the name of John Shakespeare the father of the poet, first appears in the records of the municipality as owing a fine of twopence for having made a dirt heap with his neighbors Adrien Quincy and Henry Reynolds in Henly-st. fourpence for falling to keep his gutter clean."

A Superfluous Suggestion.—"I would lay the world at your feet." he exclaimed. But she looked it him icily and returned: "I see no reason for roubling you, Mr. Dodby. Unless the law of gravity has been unexpectedly repealed, the earth is here already."—(Washington Star.

John E. Alberti, owner of a Toronto restaurant, has been fined \$1 for selling ice cream on Sunday. The magistrate informed the representative of the Lord's Day Alliance, who brought the charge, that weak case had been made out, but he would not like to dismiss it, as it would be important to have he question settled by the higher courts. On be half of the defence, it was alleged that ice cream is

THE BUNCO MAN The bunco man has funny ways:
He lies in wait for foolish J's:
He takes their X's and their V's
With gentle grace and greatest E's.

— (Indianapolis Journal.

An extraordinary case of theft is reported from The Hague, the victim being no less a personage than Queen Wilhelmina herself. The culprit appears to be the person to whom the safe custody of the young Queen's valuables was intrusted. The stolen articles consist of very valuable gold and sil-The only persons who do not appear to have ver totlet pieces, and seem to have been abstractare the borough presidents themselves. Perhaps | ed from Her Mujesty's dressing room. Their disappearance was the cause of inquiries being mad and when the bulk of them were discovered in the possession of a sliversmith, he stated that he had bought them from the official in question, who has new absconded.

The small boy refused to say his prayers the other night on going to bed. "Don't you wish God to take care of you?" asked his mother. "Well, there's no use in asking Him to. He will, anyway," replied young hopeful. The next day the small boy

The Emperor and Empress of Japan have given the sum of 0,000 yen for the relief of the sufferers by the recent gale in Kagoshima.

The Texas Hee Industry.—E. J. Atchiev yesterday shipped two colonies of bees to British Hondurus. Bee County bees are being sent all over the world, and the industry has become an important one.—(Heuston Post.

At a murder trial in Dallas, Tex., the counsel for the defence was examining a talesman regarding his qualifications to serve on the jury. The candia jury which tried a negro for murder. It is not permissible in such cases to ask the result of the trial, so the counsel said, "Where is that negro now?" "I don't know," was the reply; "the Sheriff hanged him at the appointed time."

Evidences of Prosperity. "I am glad to I that times are getting better out in your State. Kucktus."
"You bet they are. In my part of the country we've had two cases of Rieptomania, one golf shoulder, six hay fevers and thirteen cases of appendictits this season."—(Chicago Tribune.

MR. HOBART GETTING ALONG FIRST RATE. Washington, Oct. 3 (Special).-Mr. McHenry, private secretary to the Vice-President, is here states that the reports about Mr. Hobart's condition are grossly exaggerated, and that he is getting

THE ANGLO-BOER SITUATION.

A BLOODY AND BRUTAL WAR.

From The Brooklyn Eagle.

If an outbreak shall come quickly all the brutalities of savage warfare may be expected until such time as the English shall have massed their troops and have fought their way to the mastery of both republics. That would mean a long and bloody conflict. During it the sympathies of the Dutch in Cape Colony with their fellows forther north might lead to a serious condition in that prevince and require the presence of a large body of troops there. If the fixth comes it will be a long bloody and horribly expensive warfare for the subjugation of a continent.

THE DIPLOMACY OF BEGINNING A WAR. From The Providence Journal

President Krüger is said to be an astate statesman, and he must perceive both the difficulties and the responsibilities of his position. If he and his people attack British soldiers outside of their country English public optnion will go against them. Yet to wait much longer while the Imperial authorities are bringing their armament up to an effective point is to fritter away great physical opportunities and to lose costly advantages. The situation appears to be beyond the finesse of diplomacy. The British Government wishes nothing better than that the burghers shall begin the war. President Kriiger is said to be an astate

GOLD AT STAKE.

From The Rochester Union and Advertiser. The situation in the Anglo-Roer difficulty is apparently hopeless now, and there is every reason to expect hostilities immediately. The statement that Great Britain will not recede because 'there is too much at stake is doubtless true. A great deal of mineral wealth is at stake.

NEITHER DELIBERATELY SOUGHT WAR. From The Philadelphia Times.

The truth is, however, that while the war has been featered with commercial intent, it has actually come about now with no such deliberate purpose, but only from one of those situations in which the best disposed nations sometimes find themselves, when it becomes necessary to flight, at whatever cost and without much consideration of the original reasons.

A FLIMBY CONSPIRACY. From The Detroit Free Press.

A CANAL POLITICIAN.

THOMAS WHEELER DISREGARDS COLO NEL PARTRIDGE'S ORDER.

INSTEAD OF REFRAINING FROM ACTIVE

POLITICS, HE IS A PROMINENT WORKER IN PRIMARIES AND CONVENTIONS-UNFORTUNATE RESULTS IN

ONEIDA COUNTY.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 3 (Special).-Thomas Wheel, er, of this city, who holds the place of Assistant Superintendent of Public Works and has charge of the Middle Division of the canals of the State, has been conspicuously active of late in attendance at conventions of the Republican party in this county of Onelda, and prominent in councils of Republican politicians concerning nominations. People therefore are beginning to wonder whether he considers the recent order of his superior officer, Colonel John N. Partridge, the Superintendent of Public Works, prohibiting any "undue political activity of canal employes," as seriously meant. Certainly Mr. Wheeler has acted as if he believed the order did not apply to him, or if it did that it would not be enforced against him by the infliction of any punishment,

RELYING ON SENATOR PLATT.

Mr. Wheeler is an influential Republican politician. Doubtless he relies upon his influence with Senator Platt to protect I'm from any con sequences of an unfortunate nature following his meddling with the primaries of the Republican party in Onelda County. He therefore openly defles Superintendent Partridge, and back of him defles Governor Roosevolt, who inspired Superintendent Partridge's order.

The order may be said to have had its origin over five months ago, when Colonel Partridge made a report to Governor Robsevelt on the resuit of his inspection of the Canadian canals as a member of the Canal Advisory Commission, One of the chief features of that report was a statement by Colonel Partridge that the Canadian canal employes were a remarkably efficient body of workingmen and that in his opinion their capability was due to their long familiarity with their work and the circumstance that they did not attempt to interfere with the political opinions of their neighbors, and, indeed, took no active part in the proceedings of political par-

The same report was made to Governor Roosevelt by General Francis V. Greene, Frank S. Witherbee and other members of the Canal Advisory Commission. Thus indirectly they commented severely upon the habit of New-York politicians of making the Canal Department of their State a political one, with its officials subject to every political change. On one side of the border, in Canada, was permanent public employment so long as the employe was honest and capable; on the other, in the United States, a force of men employed on the canals for short periods, changed with every change of State administration, and compelled to give attention to political primaries and conventions rather than to canal

MR. ALDRIDGE'S DISMISSALS.

It may as well be stated here that The Tribune correspondent recently examined the books of the Civil Service Commission at Albany containing the record of the time of the appointment of the employes of the Department of Public Works, and that it was perfectly apparent from that record that George W. Aldridge, who assumed office as the Superintendent of Public Works on January 2, 1895, dismissed almost every Democratic employe in that department before the expiration of his term. In Canada the efficient employe would have been retained, no matter what his politics.

Governor Roosevelt was so much impressed by the report of the Canal Advisory Commission referred to that he informed the newspaper correspondents at Albany of it, and praised the Canadian way of administering the affairs of canals. It harmonized with his ideas of Civil Service reform. He further stated that it was his intention, before the end of his administration, to take the canals of New-York State, like those of Canada, "out of politics."

Four months passed, and Governor Roosevelt egan travelling about the State making going into a canal county and list-ning to the talk of politicians interested in canal patronage Besides, in non-canal counties like Jefferson, St. good deal of talk adverse to the canals. The result of this renewed talk about canal administration was that the Governor entered into some correspondence with Superintendent Partridge, having in mind the latter's report about the freedom of the Canadian canals from the weak-

ening effect of political management. THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION,

Pinally the Governor wrote Superintendent Partridge favoring the prohibition of "undue political activity of canal employes," and Superintendent Partridge issued the following admonitory letter to the employes of the Department of Public Works:

As the fall political campaign is getting under way complaints are brought to me from time to time of the undue political activity of canal em-

ployes.
In this connection, I call your attention to the provisions of Sections 24 and 25 of Chapter 370 of the Laws of 1899, known as the "Civil Service Law," and especially the following words in Section 25:
"And whoever, being a public officer or having or claiming to have any authority or influ-

And whoever, being a public officer or lav-ing or claiming to have any authority or influ-ence for or affecting the nomination, etc. of any public officer, shall corruptly use or promise or threaten to use any such authority or influ-ence, directly or indirectly, in order to corre-persuade the vote or political action of any citi-zen, etc., shall be guilty of bribery or an attempt at bribary."

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I interpret this as prohibiting the discriminating for or against any State employe under you because of his attitude in any pantheal contest. My own judgment is that it is unwise for canal employes to make themselves becarity in politics, as it has a tendency to diver their attention from official duties and to impair their efficiency. I send you, under separate cover, today a copy of the Civil Service rules, You will do well to make yourself familiar with the previsions and requirements not only of the law, but of the Civil Service rules, to the end that they may be carried out in the administration of the affairs of your section.

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There can be no question that this letter was especially addressed to the three chief subordlnates of Superintendent Partridge, who have charge of the three divisions of the canal system of the State. Mr. Wheeler is one of these men. They come more directly in contact with the canal employes than Superinterdent Partridge bimself. He is most of the time in Albany. They must be at work constantly at some point on their divisions. "My own judgment," says Superintendent Partridge, "is that it is unwise for canal employes to make themselves too active in politics, as it has a tendency to divert their attention from official duties and to impair their efficiency." Superintendent Partridge's view will be sustained by every taxpayer.

COULD NOT KEEP OUT OF POLITICS.

It is very hard work, however, to induce an old politician to abandon taking an active interest in political affairs. Thomas Wheeler therefore found it impossible to abstain from taking just as active a part in the nomination of the Republican county ticket in Onelds County this year as he had in years before He has thus given a bad example to all his subordinates of the middle division of the Erie Canal; but from a Republican point of view be has done worse, since by the enforcement of \$ certain policy at the Republican County Convention he has put the Republican county tickst and the three Republican candidates for Assemblymen in serious danger of defeat

The office of most value, from a pecunist point of view, which will be filled by the votes of Oneida County this fall will be that d